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## BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT

### MEETING MINUTES

DPW Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor City Hall

Wednesday June 25, 2014

**Call to Order.** Called to order at 11:24am by Richard C. David, Mayor.

**Present:** Richard C. David, Mayor; Kenneth J. Frank, Corporation Counsel; Philip T. Krey, City Engineer; Gary Holmes, Commissioner of Public Works; Chuck Shager, Comptroller

**Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Angela Holmes, City Clerk; Jared Kraham, Executive Assistant to the Mayor; Robert Murphy, Director of Economic Development

### ITEMS CONSIDERED

**Permanent Easement for Portion of 70-72 Court Street.** Request to enter into an agreement for a permanent easement for a portion of 72 Court Street, submitted by 33 State Street Associates. Alan Pope, Andrew Urso and Larry Pasquale attended the meeting held January 15, 2014 to discuss the proposal. The Board reviewed this matter, and concluded that any agreement should be limited to the space required for a stairway, but should not include space for a patio. The Board of Contract and Supply approved a Request for Sealed Bids for 70-72 Court Street at a meeting held on February 12, 2014. Such Request for Sealed Bids includes a restriction stating that the sale would be subject to a permanent easement for pedestrian ingress and egress from a basement stairwell at 92 State Street, but that construction above the stairwell would be permitted. Mr. Frank will discuss the details of the permanent easement with Mr. Pope. Item held.

**8 Meadow Street.** Offer to Purchase 8 Meadow Street for \$100, submitted by Tonya Dakari on December 23, 2013. Sent to the Assessor's Office, the Office of Building Construction, Zoning & Code Enforcement and the Department of Planning, Housing & Community Development on January 2, 2014. Steve Quinn responded on January 3, 2014, stating that this property is one of several properties that the First Ward Action Council is scheduled to purchase and develop under the City's Restore NY grant application and NYS Tax Credit application. Scott Snyder responded on January 3, 2014, confirming that the property is listed as a Restore NY property. Mayor David met with Jerry Willard from First Ward Action Council, who indicated that they are still slated to receive funding for the development of the property. First Ward Action Council should know the outcome within the next few months. Item held pending confirmation of funding for First Ward Action Council.

**19 Emma Street.** Request to donate 19 Emma Street to the City of Binghamton. Submitted by Staiman Industries, Inc. on May 7, 2014. Sent to the Assessor's Office, the Office of Building Construction, Zoning & Code Enforcement and the Department of Planning, Housing & Community Development on May 7, 2014. Scott Snyder responded on May 21, 2014, stating that he is not in favor of accepting the donation, noting that the City recently auctioned off surplus properties in the City's inventory. Tom Costello responded on May 23, 2014, agreeing with the Assessor's comments. Jennie Skeadas-Sherry responded on May 30, 2014, noting that it is an industrial site, formerly used by a recycling company. She stated that Planning is not in favor of accepting the donation at this time. Ms. Skeadas-Sherry requested a Phase I Environmental Assessment, with the intent to revisit the request to donate the property upon receipt of the



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results, as Economic Development has expressed interest in the site. E&A referred the matter to Economic Development on June 6, 2014. Item held.

**Approval of Minutes.** Request to approve the minutes from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment meeting held on June 4, 2014.

Motion to approve the minutes.

Moved by Krey, seconded by Frank.

**Motion carried. (Vote 5-0)**

Ayes: David, Shager, Frank, Krey, Holmes

Nays: None

**4 Yager Street.** Offer to Purchase 4 Yager Street, submitted by Jason Marsh on June 9, 2014. Sent to the Assessor's Office, the Office of Building Construction, Zoning & Code Enforcement, the Department of Planning, Housing & Community Development, and the Office of Economic Development on June 9, 2014. Scott Snyder responded on June 11, 2014, stating that this was one of seven properties the City received in April 2013 prior to the Broome County auction. Tom Costello responded on June 17, 2014, agreeing with the Assessor, noting that this building was included in the CDBG program. Jennie Skeadas-Sherry responded on June 18, 2014, outlining the history of the parcel. In 2010 the structure was damaged by fire. The Fire Department recommended demolition within 30 days, as 46% of the structure was damaged. In July 2013, Keystone Associates inspected the structure for asbestos. No asbestos was initially found, but a lab test would be required for a final analysis. This structure is one of eight scheduled demolitions. Planning has no objection to the sale, as the parcel is not part of any other land planning project. The Board asked Ms. Holmes to reach out to all adjacent property owners to notify them of the applicant's intent to purchase the property. If any other adjacent property owners are interested in the property, sealed bids will be requested. Item held.

**Verizon Communications Tower.** Request for permission to build a Verizon communications tower upon Broome County property in the Charles Street Business Park area. Submitted by Dana Brocklebank, Tectonic Engineering. The Broome County Industrial Development Agency (BCIDA) recommended that Verizon obtain City approval prior to pursuing the matter further with their agency. Mr. Frank noted that the project does not require the Board's approval, but does require a site plan review. The Board asked Ms. Holmes to contact the applicant, and to direct him to the Department of Planning, Housing and Community Development for further assistance. No further action required.

**47 Chenango Street.** Request to re-open the alleyway adjacent to 47 Chenango Street. Submitted by Bearsch, Compeau & Knudsen. Mr. Holmes and Mr. Murphy will visit the property to obtain additional clarification. Item held.

**336 Court Street.** Offer to purchase a strip of land in front of 336 Court Street in order to erect a sign. Submitted by ScottTech. Mr. Murphy noted that the property is located in New York State Department of Transportation's right-of-way. Mr. Holmes and Mr. Murphy will review this matter to obtain additional clarification. Item held.

**Adjournment.** Motion to adjourn at 11:52am.

Moved by Krey, seconded by Holmes.

**Voice vote, none opposed.**